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Agenda Item 8

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Memorandum

TO: Elderly and Disabled Advisory Committee DATE: Mar. 27, 2008

FR: Ursula Vogler, EDAC Staff Liaison

RE: Staff Report

Transportation 2035 Joint Advisor Workshops

As a reminder, our next Joint Advisor Workshop will be held on April 8 here at MTC. Our next workshop will continue the policy discussion from the last workshop and will focus on identifying priorities from our larger list. New policies may be added to the list for consideration as well.

We are also adding two more meetings to discuss the RTP project trade-offs and the RTP draft plan. The upcoming meeting dates and times are:

April 8, 2008 (Tuesday)
 Time: 12:30 p.m. to 3:00 p.m.
 (working lunch before MCAC mtg.)
 Location: MetroCenter's Auditorium

May 14, 2008 (Wednesday)
 Time: 2:45 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.
 (after Advisory Council mtg.)
 Location: MetroCenter's Auditorium

June 5, 2008 (Thursday)
 Time: 12:30 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.
 (working lunch after EDAC mtg.)
 Location: MetroCenter's Auditorium

We know that the process has been long, but we feel that this is one of the most important ways that advisory committee members can contribute. MTC staff thanks you for your time and effort.

Transportation 2035 Community-Based Public Meetings/Focus Groups In May, MTC will hold public meetings to discuss trade-offs as part of the Transportation 2035 planning process. The trade-off discussion is an important part of the Regional Transportation Plan public outreach process; we hope to involve interested residents from all walks of life in a dialogue with MTC Commissioners as well as with representatives from partner agencies. The meetings will be held in the evenings in each county. More specific information about the meeting locations, dates and content will be available on MTC's Web site soon.

In order to ensure that a range of low-income communities and communities of color from throughout the nine Bay Area counties are consulted on critical transportation issues, and as part of the outreach for the Transportation 2035 plan, MTC is conducting a request for proposals process for community-based organizations, not-for-profit organizations, or faith-based organizations to assist MTC with a series of focus groups. Proposals are due March 27, 2008; up to nine separate contracts may be awarded for focus groups to be held in locations throughout the San Francisco Bay region. I will update you on the organizations selected next month.

MTC Transportation Awards

MTC's Transportation Awards recognize people and organizations who have made extraordinary contributions to the way people get around in the Bay Area each day. For nearly three decades, MTC has recognized day-to-day and long-term efforts that are improving transportation in the region. We are currently seeking nominations for our 2008 awards program. Nominations are due by Friday, May 9, 2008. If you know of any persons or groups that you would like to nominate, please go to MTC's Web site at www.mtc.ca.gov/ for more information and for a nomination form.